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1 **Abstract**

5 A wire management grommet for routing wiring or
cables through the surface of furniture articles comprises
a liner and a cap having a slot opening and a captive
closure member. A tongue and groove arrangement
facilitates slidable movement of the closure member within
the cap's slot opening. The closure member is locked into
10 its closed position covering the slot through a detent
mechanism. A pin and groove arrangement facilitates both
the closure member's captivity to the cap and its downward
pivoting movement away from the slot opening and into its
15 retracted position. The closure member is stabilized,
through interaction with the cap, when the closure member
is in its open position. The operation of the closure
member from its closed position covering the slot opening
20 to its retracted position exposing the opening comprises
three distinct movements.

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